

February 11, 1982

LB 25, 590, 590A, 604,
669A, 767A, 875, 887

New A bills, LB 669A offered by Senator Kremer. (Read title.)

New A bill from Senator Schmit, LB 767A. (Read title.)

I have announcements from the Speaker. (See page 677 regarding LB 590 and LB 590A in the Journal.)

I have priority bill designations. (See page 677 of the Legislative Journal regarding LBs 633, 708 and 835.)

Your Committee on Urban Affairs whose Chairman is Senator Landis reports 887 advanced to General File; 875 advanced to General File with amendments. Signed by Senator Landis. (See page 678 of the Journal.)

Your Committee on Revenue whose Chairman is Senator Carsten reports LB 25 indefinitely postponed.

Mr. President, LB 604 introduced by Senators Cope, Rumery and Fowler. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 6, referred to Appropriations. The bill was advanced to General File. Mr. President, I have no amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: I would hope enough people would stay on the floor to complete this bill. Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Yes, I hope so too. LB 604 provides, as the Clerk said, for the continuation of the Building Renewal Act. Now that may not mean a lot to you but when I say, 309, then your ears should come right out like, I know what you are talking about, and that is what it is. We are asking in this bill to continue the 309 bill that was passed 5 years ago and has done probably more for the State of Nebraska than most any bill that we have passed. There were no negative votes by the Appropriations Committee who heard the bill. And believe me it has been unanimously accepted by all the agencies that have taken advantage of 309 money. I sent a questionnaire out in the fall asking what they thought about it, should it be continued? And the answers were magnificent, believe me. At the hearing, I heard, we heard, the people who testified said that the buildings in the State of Nebraska are in better shape than they have been in the last 30 years that they had served in the various agencies. It has done a tremendous job. I won't reiterate a lot of the things that were done but one I think that you should listen to and listen to good. There have been 800 roofs that either have been replaced or done a substantial repair on. That, in itself, is something. There are many,